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FOR EA/TIMBS - DONALD L. FIELD, JR.

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SUBJECT: EA REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE - REPORT ON WORKSHOP 3II
(PROSPECTS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION)

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT ON THE WORKSHOP "PROSPECTS
FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION", SECOND SESSION, PANELIST,
DONALD L. FIELD, JR., EA REGIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATOR;
CHAIRMAN, PETER F. FROST, AMEMBASSY CANBERRA; PARTICIPANTS,
DUANE LESTER, DEA-SAIC, SEOUL; ROBERT L. FLANEGIN,
AMEMBASSY SUVA.

2. PANELIST FIELD BASED HIS PRESENTATION ON A SUMMARY OF
DAS OAKLEY'S PRESENTATION AT SESSION I ON THE SAME SUBJECT,
VIZ; REGIONAL COOPERATION IS IMPORTANT TO EA AND THE
DEPARTMENT FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (1) IT CAN INCREASE
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CURRENT NATIONAL PROGRAMS. ALTHOUGH
SOME GOVERNMENTS ALREADY COOPERATING ON A BILATERAL
BASIS, MULTILATERAL COOPERATION COULD GIVE IMPETUS TO
MORE COOPERATION AND SMOOTH OUT PROBLEMS OF NATION-
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ALISTIC FEELINGS. (2) IT CAN PROVIDE ANOTHER POINT
FOR ASEAN AND OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS TO FOCUS ON AND
COULD HOPEFULLY SERVE AS A MEANS TO GET BURMA AND THE
INDO-CHINESE COUNTRIES MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED.
(3) CONGRESS LOOKS FAVORABLY ON SUCH REGIONAL INITIATIVES
AND SOUND REGIONAL PROPOSALS WOULD HELP DEPARTMENT
PUT OVER ITS PROGRAMS ON THE HILL.

3. FIELDS THEN DISCUSSED CURRENT BILATERAL COOPERATION AND DEA TRAINING, INCLUDING THE IDEAA MEETINGS. IN LATTER CONNECTION, WORKSHOP MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT AS A GENERAL RULE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM BASIC NEED TO SEEK FULL COOPERATION FROM ALL EA COUNTRIES AS HAD BEEN THE CASE IN THE TRANSFER OF THE LATEST IDEAA CONFERENCE FROM SEOUL OR MANILA TO GUAM.

4. FILED AND ATTENDEES HELD DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL EFFORTS THAT ARE EITHER NOW PLANNED OR COULD BE CONSIDERED. THESE INCLUDED: (1) U.S. CUSTOM'S REGIONAL SEMINARS ON AIRPORT SECURITY; (2) DEA RUN REGIONAL TRAINING COURSES IN THAILAND, PAID FOR BY STATE; (3) ENCOURAGEMENT OF MALAYSIA TO HOST A REGIONAL DEMAND REDUCTION CONFERENCE; (4) POSSIBILITY OF GETTING JAPAN MORE INVOLVED IN REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH THE CHANNEL OF DONATIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS DOING WORK IN AREA, SUCH AS ASEAN; (5) THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING AUSTRALIA TO BE MORE ACTIVE IN A REGIONAL SENSE, NOW THAT IT HAS BEEFED UP ITS PROGRAM OF OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION (IT NOW HAS NARCOTICS-LIAISON OFFICERS IN BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR); (6) WAYS AND MEANS OF GETTING THE ISLAND NATIONS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC MORE INVOLVED THROUGH A STRENGTHENING OF TIES IN DRUG AND OTHER FIELDS
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BETWEEN SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM AND ASEAN; (7) THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING DRUG COOPERATION AT THE NEXT ANZUS CONFERENCE; (8) THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING TRAINING TO FIJIANS AS PART OF THE US AID PROGRAM, AS A MEANS OF ALLOWING FIJI TO DEMONSTRATE ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA; (9) THE NEED FOR MORE EXTENSIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND HONG KONG; (10) THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING THE AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BUREAU (ADAB) TO LOOK AT CROP SUBSTITUTION SCHEMES AS PART OF ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
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